

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 14 and 15.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1(Currently Amended).        A golf club head, comprising

- (a)    a body including a striking face portion containing a plurality of spaced, parallel grooves; and
- (b)    each of said spaced, parallel grooves ~~each~~ being defined by a pair of opposed side walls extending from within said body to said striking face portion, said side walls each having at least one step portion, whereby said grooves have a stepped configuration;

wherein said opposed side walls diverge and have a symmetrical configuration relative to an axis extending normal to said striking face portion and through the middle of each of said spaced, parallel grooves;

wherein each of said opposing side walls include first and second portions on opposite sides of each at least one step portion;

wherein said first and second portions of each of said opposing side walls are parallel.

2(Canceled).

3(Withdrawn). A golf club head as defined in claim 2, wherein said opposed side walls intersect within said body to define V-shaped grooves.

4(Currently Amended). A golf club head as defined in claim 1 ~~2~~, wherein said opposed side walls terminate at opposite ends of a bottom wall parallel to said striking face portion to define U-shaped grooves.

5-6 (Canceled).

7(Currently Amended). A golf club head as defined in claim 1 ~~5~~, wherein the angle defined between said first portion and said axis is different from the angle defined between said second portion and said axis.

8(Original). A golf club head as defined in claim 7, wherein the angle defined between said first portion and said axis is greater than the angle defined between said second portion and said axis.

9(Canceled).

10(Currently Amended). A golf club head, comprising

- (a) a body including a striking face portion containing a plurality of spaced, parallel grooves; and
- (b) each said plurality of spaced, parallel grooves each being defined by a pair of opposed side walls extending from within said body to said striking face portion, at least one of said side walls having at least one step portion, whereby said grooves have a stepped configuration;

wherein said opposed side walls diverge relative to an axis extending normal to said striking face portion and through the middle of each of said spaced, parallel grooves;

wherein said side wall containing said at least one step portion includes first and second portions on opposite sides of each step portion;

wherein said first and second portions are parallel.

11(Canceled).

12(Withdrawn). A golf club head as defined in claim 11, wherein said opposed side walls intersect within said body to define V-shaped grooves.

13 (Currently Amended). A golf club head as defined in claim 10 ~~11~~, wherein said opposed side walls terminate at opposite ends of a bottom wall parallel to said striking face portion to define U-shaped grooves.

14(Canceled).

15(Canceled).

16(Currently Amended). A golf club head as defined in claim 10 ~~14~~, wherein the angle defined between said first portion and said axis is different from the angle defined between said second portion and said axis.

17(Currently Amended). A golf club head as defined in claim 10 ~~14~~, wherein the angle defined between said first portion and said axis is greater than the angle defined between said second portion and said axis.